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就一十六英華香

PRICE \$2 PER MONTH.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

June 10, ROLAND, French corvette, Mayer, Malacca 5th June.
June 10, ENERGIA, British steamer, 2,063, for SINGAPORE 3rd June, Coals.—NAVAL AUTHORITIES.
June 10, AMATISTA, British steamer, 522, Th. Hamlin, Tsinwan 6th June, Amoy 8th, and Swatow 9th. General—DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.
June 10, KWANGWANG, British steamer, 1,000, Wood from Whampoa, General.—JARDINE, MATTHEWS & CO.
June 10, NINGPO, British steamer, 761, Wm. Potts from Whampoa, General.—SIEBERS & CO.
June 10, CARDIGANSHIRE, British steamer, 1,023, W. R. Courtney, London 24th April, and SINGAPORE 4th June, General—ADAMSON, BELL & CO.

CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE.
10th JUNE.
Goddell, Am. bark, for Havre.
Walls Castle, British bark, for Manila.
Takoma, British s.s., for Shanghai.
Aurora, German s.s., for Haiphong.
Peking, British s.s., for Shanghai.
Carisbrooke, British s.s., for Saigon.

DEPARTURES.

June 10, HELENE, German s.s., for Whampoa.
June 10, ANTON, German s.s., for Heihau.
June 10, PEGASUS, British s.s., for Shanghai.
June 10, LIVINGSTONE, Ger. bark, for Quinhon.
June 10, TAWAN, British s.s., for Australia.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.
Per Amatista, s.s., from Tsinwan, &c.—44 Chinese.
Per Cardiganshire, s.s., from London, &c.—Mr. Hector, and 23 Chinese from Singapore.

REPORTS.

The British steamer Amatista reports left Tsinwan on the 6th June, Amoy on the 8th, and Swatow on the 9th. Experienced light S.W. winds and clear weather throughout.
The British steamer Energia reports left Singapore on the 3rd June, and had moderate winds from N.E. and S. and with occasional rain; latterly light winds from W. and S.W. with fine weather.

The British steamer Cardiganshire reports left London on the 24th April, and Singapore on the 4th June, and had remarkably fine weather and smooth sea. No moon up to the northward of Paracels.

SHANGHAI SHIPPING.

May—
ARRIVALS.
27. Hover, German s.s., from Nagasaki.
28. Yelvin, Am. s.s., from Tientsin.
29. Kowshing, British s.s., from Tientsin.
30. Kwa Hsing, Chinese s.s., from a cruise.
31. Shanghai, British s.s., from Hankow.
32. Kowshing, British s.s., from Hankow.
33. Nautia, Austrian s.s., from Amoy.
34. Pungtung, American s.s., from Tientsin.
35. Pauhau, Am. s.s., from Tientsin.
36. Ningpo, British s.s., from Hongkong.
37. Wuchang, British s.s., from Tientsin.
38. Ichang, British s.s., from Ningpo.
39. Fu Wu, British s.s., from Hankow.
40. Pecto, British s.s., from Nagasaki.
41. Kowshing, British s.s., from Tientsin.
42. Kowshing, British s.s., from New York.
43. Helena, British bark, from Penang.
44. Sin Nanlong, British s.s., from Foochow.
45. Kiang-kyan, Am. s.s., from Hankow.
46. Whoo, Am. bark, from Hankow.
47. P. J. Carlson, Am. bark, from New York.
48. El Dorado, British s.s., from Tientsin.
49. Kiang-kyan, American s.s., from Ningpo.
50. Ichang, British s.s., from Newkow.
51. A. M. Small, American s.s., from New York.
52. Helena, British bark, from Penang.
53. Sin Nanlong, British s.s., from Foochow.
54. Kiang-kyan, Am. s.s., from Hankow.
55. Whoo, Am. bark, from Hankow.
56. W. BREWER, Queen's Road.
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H. A. HERBERT
Manager, Hongkong Branch.

Hongkong, 1st June, 1885. [126]

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CORPORATION.

Paid-in Capital \$7,500,000
Reserve Fund 4,400,000
Reserve for Equalization of 400,000
Dividends 1,000,000
Reserve Liability of 1,000,000

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T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 23rd February 1885. [126]

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONG KONG
SAVINGS BANK.

1.—The business of the above Bank will be
conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai
Banking Corporation on their premises in
Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10
to 3; Saturday, 10 to 1.

2.—Sums less than \$1, or more than \$250 at
one time will be received. No depositor
may deposit more than \$2,500 in one year.

3.—Depositors in the Savings Bank having
\$100 or more at their credit may at their option
transact some business in the Hongkong and
Shanghai Banking Corporation on their deposit
for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.

4.—Interest at the rate of 3 per cent. per
annum will be allowed to Depositors on their
daily balances.

5.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis
with a Pass-Book, which must be presented with
each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must
hand their Pass-Books to the Managers in their
Pass-Books, but should send them in written up
at least twice a year, about the beginning of
January and a year.

6.—Correspondence as to the business of the
Bank will be addressed to HONG KONG SAVINGS BANK.

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7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand,
but the person in advance of the Depositor or
his duly authorized Agent, and the production of
his Pass-Book are necessary.

For the HONG KONG AND SHANGHAI BANK-
ING CORPORATION.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 8th May, 1885. [126]

NOTICE.

NEW YORK LIFE INSURANCE
COMPANY.

LIFE ASSURANCE ONLY.
Purely mutual; all profits belong to Policy-
holders and no dividends are made annually.

STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDING
1st DECEMBER, 1885.

Accumulated Profits \$21,379,944.

Shares over all liabilities \$2,139,332.

And Reserve Fund according to valuation made by
the Government. \$2,717,509.

C. SETON LINDSAY,
Res. Manager.

Department of the East.

BIRLEY, DALRYMPLE & CO.,
Agents, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 25th July, 1885. [126]

NOTICE.

THE SCOTTISH UNION & NATIONAL
INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, Agents of the above
Company, are prepared to ACCEPT
RISKS at Current Rates.

PUSTAU & CO.

Agents.

Hongkong, 18th January, 1886. [126]

NOTICE.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER OF HIS
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A.D. 1730.

THE Undersigned having been appointed
Agents for the above Company, are prepared to
GRANT POLICIES against FIRE at Current
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SHIPS' MEDICINE CHESTS REFILLED,
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HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

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Correspondents are requested to forward their name and address with communications addressed to the Editor, not for publication, but as evidence of good faith.

All letters for publication should be written on one side of the paper only.

Advertisements and Subscriptions which are not adapted for a fixed period will be continued until demanded.

Orders for extra copies of the *Daily Press* should be sent before 11 a.m. on the day of publication. After that hour the supply is limited.

On the 5th June, at "Clarendon," the wife of A. P. MacEwan, of a daughter.

On the 3rd instant, at Clerkenwell House, South Norton, London, Bexley, the beloved wife of Mr. Frank George Morris.

[1885]

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, JUNE 11TH, 1885.

The increase of insanity, which is one of the corollaries of advancing civilization, appears to be deserving of public attention in Hongkong as well as in England. At home public attention has been aroused on the subject within the last few years by the observation that in the United Kingdom the number of insane has almost doubled in twenty years, increasing three times faster than the population. In 1860 there were in the United Kingdom 65,130 lunatics under detention, equal to 2,326 lunatics for every million inhabitants, whilst there were in 1880 as many as 112,539 (93,385 registered under the care of the Lunacy Commissioners and 19,205 unregistered residing with their friends), equal to 3,217 per million inhabitants.

The painful interest naturally attaching to this discovery is increased by the additional observation based on reliable statistics, viz., that the United Kingdom has a higher rate of insanity than other countries, the 3,202 in Germany, 2,208 in France, 1,509 in the United States, 1,840 in Canada, and 1,830 in Australia. There is one special feature connected with this state of things which lends interest to the subject, and that is the fact that the conviction has forced itself upon the Lunacy Commissioners, as well as upon all competent students of the subject, that this terrible increase of insanity is due to causes largely preventable. Although such evils as insanity and its usual concomitant, suicide, are to a certain degree inseparable from civilization, it is as palpably within our power to reduce and minimize their ravages as it was for Dr. Farr to diminish by one-half the death rate of our soldiers in Indian barracks. It appears that the principal increase of insanity has taken place among the working classes, i.e., among the very people for the promotion of whose health we have not taken sufficient measures; and that our neglect in this particular is also productive of moral deterioration is abundantly proved by the fact that the majority of criminals in the United Kingdom have a very low range of intellect and that about four per cent. of the prison population of England and twelve per cent. of that of Scotland are only a few degrees above idiocy. There can be no doubt now-a-days that a large waste of human intellect is due to the vice of municipal and governmental neglect, which obstructs so many valuable efforts to improve the sanitary conditions of life among the lower classes of society. Civilised poverty, says Dr. Farr, is the bane of insanity. Education and insanity, wrote Crichton Brown, are increasing all over Europe. Even the Lunacy Commissioners have, at last discovered that "insanity often arises from a deplorable bodily condition caused by insufficient food and crowded dwellings." The value of fresh air is shown by the case of a village in Switzerland, mentioned by Mr. Bawdenwell Carter—a case which forcibly reminds us of the determined war our worthy Surveyor-General, in the interests of sanitation, waged against the back-to-back system of Chinese dwelling houses, where the Swiss municipality removed certain high walls and the ratio of idiot births declined one-half. The high-pressure system in vogue in our schools and colleges, painfully illustrated by the fact that in one year we have seen nine students in England commit suicide, indicates another preventable source of insanity. Intemperance, as a source of insanity and suicide, and likewise the loss of those religious feelings which contribute to the strength and endurance of the mind, are so well known to operate as powerful causes of so-called temporary, as well as of constitutional insanity that they require merely to be mentioned. Thus it is also with marriage between cousins, of which we have still too many in England, as it appears that two per cent. of all marriages in England are between cousins.

In conclusion we may mention, for the benefit of a certain portion of our readers, the interesting fact that the latest inquiries into the question of safeguards against insanity conclusively show that married people are less exposed to it than unmarried people. Indeed, domestic ties, especially when coupled with religious training in youth and with a sense of the duties that each of us owes to society, are the best safeguards against the growing evil of insanity. We mention this fact as at some future time the management of the company might find it a useful hint. This part of the performance was evidently its weakest; otherwise the opera was given in a satisfactory manner.

the Portuguese, among whom mental derangements, idiocy, and insanity in its various degrees, are believed to be, making and ravages, although no statistics are available to enable us to speak with comparative certainty. That "bottled of insanity," above referred to on the authority of Professor Duncan, viz., civilized poverty, is prominently flourishing in Hongkong in the case of the Portuguese community. Next, as to education, we should very much like to see the Inspector of Schools, in his next Annual Report, paying attention to the question we herewith propound to him, whether, in watching the operation of the Grant-in-Aid Scheme and the cramping tactics adopted by teachers in order to secure high grants, combined with the system in vogue among the local Portuguese of sending their children to school at the early age of 5 and 6 years and of keeping them on a starvation diet all along by reason of poverty, he might not find that physical constitution, nourishment, and cramping have a great deal to do with the low degree of intellectual activity which he deports to find year by year exemplified in the inability of the Portuguese youth to do their simple composition exercises as well as Eurasian and Asiatic children. We really fear, that the evils of high-pressure schooling, which experience has shown in England generally to associate themselves with the working of the Grant-in-Aid system, may be at work in Hongkong, too, to the detriment of health among the younger generation of our worthy Portuguese fellow-residents.

As regards the native population of Hongkong more particularly, we need not point out to our readers that, although, in this case likewise no statistics are available, it is a matter constantly obtruding itself upon the observation of those who watch the curious phenomena of social life among the Chinese, that cases of insanity and suicide are of pain-fully frequent occurrence. In fact, with the single exception of marriage between cousins, all the fruitful sources of insanity above-mentioned, had ventilation and overcrowded houses, want of fresh air, especially at night-time, intemperance, poverty, bad nourishment, loss of religious feelings, and, finally, cramping in school—are operating in Hongkong, combined with the operating force of a tropical climate, in a highly intensified degree. Our Sanitary Commission has done something, but has yet an immense deal to do. This system, once so common in Hongkong, of keeping pigs in upstairs-rooms under the bedsteads, has, we believe, been rooted up. The surface gutters in the Chinese portions of the town are kept tolerably clean, drains are gradually being improved or built, the new Building Ordinance has also improved some matters in the system of building, but Chinese houses are still as much overcrowded at night time as ever. As to intemperance, poverty, and consequent bad nourishment, we must leave these evils to work, as far as they can, their own cure, having the consolation of feeling that neither the Government nor the European community have had any share in producing or augmenting the spread of such evils among the Chinese people. So also, in some measure, we may say, if it has been observed that the spread of English education among the Chinese youth of Hongkong in our Government Schools has generally the effect of destroying their allegiance to Confucian religion and ethics without substituting a better religion and higher principles of morality, such is perhaps the unavoidable drawback of the secular system; but there is really no other system practicable under the circumstances of our Colony, nor is there any other system which would not have other and far more injurious drawbacks attending in its train. But as to cramping in Chinese schools, and that national system of Chinese education which consists in incessant sharpening of the memory for some three years, and loading it with the dead weight of a merely mechanical knowledge of the sounds of thousands of Chinese-characters, without any training of the intellect or of any food for the emotions, before anything like rational teaching, and educational work is commenced, we cannot help seeing in it a powerful cause of that low average of intellect, and of that terrible frequency of cases of idiocy, lunacy, and suicide, which characterizes the darker side of Chinese social life. It is sincerely to be hoped that the educational influences of European civilisation may be directed to the subject, as far as possible, these vicious tendencies of the system of teaching in vogue in the purely Chinese schools of the Colony.

As to lunatic asylums existing in Hongkong, we take this opportunity to point out to those whom it may concern, that there appears to us some anomaly in the fact that the Government have provided a fine new building for a Lunatic Asylum, and provided it with a proper staff under proper medical superintendence, but that nothing has been done yet to remove the lunatics at present locked up in cages at the Tung-wah Hospital to this Government Asylum. We question altogether the right of this so-called elementary corporation, except the Tung-wah Hospital, to keep under restraint and to deprive of their liberty as well as of proper rational treatment, unfortunate Chinese beings, supposed to be lunatics. Is the lunatic asylum, of the Tung-wah Hospital under the constant actual supervision of the Colonial Surgeon? He makes no allusion to it in his report. Did the Registrar-General or any Magistrate authorise the forcible detention by the Tung-wah Hospital authorities of the lunatics constantly kept there? There are questions which deserve being looked into, and we trust the authorities concerned will not fail to do so, not merely once a year or so, but that they will be kept permanently in mind, for the subject is of such a nature and of such importance as to demand constant vigilance on the part of the authorities.

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We learn that the land line of the Manila telegraph is interrupted.

The French corvette *Holm*, Captain Mayer, from Makung 8th inst., arrived here yesterday morning.

The British steamer *Archie* leaves the Cosmopolitan dock to-day and the O. & O. steamer *Archie* goes over there.

The British steamer *Enterprise*, from Singapore 21st instant, with a cargo of coals for the Government, arrived here yesterday.

We are informed by the Agent that the M. M. Co. steamer *Saphire*, with the next French mail, left Saigon at eleven o'clock yesterday morning.

The use of the telephone is extending in China. On the 15th May a telephone line between Tien-tsin and Taku was completed.—N. C. Daily News.

The *Kutzing*, late *Dalriagh* *Abbey*, which was recently purchased by the Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, left England for China about the 3rd May.—N. C. Daily News.

The *Courier* understands that "obscur" has been sent on board the U.S.S. *Faith* at Catsu, and that five of the crew have already fallen victim to this scourge of the East." If this be so the fact has been kept very quiet down here.

An American Court will assemble at the Linlithgow Courts, at 10.30 a.m. to-day to investigate certain charges of misconduct, &c., preferred by the Master of the British steamer *Welcome* against the Chief Engineer of that ship.

A treaty of alliance will shortly be signed between Austria and Korea. The naval contract Nantshia proceeds to Japan next week, to embark Count Zalinski, the Austrian Minister, whence the Nantshia will leave for Jenan-pan.—Mercury.

The *Courier* understands that it was the Steamer *Orion* that took the principal part in laying the submarine cable from the new English naval station to the North Saddle, and that she was very nearly lost in doing it. She ran on to the North Saddle, but fortunately was within thirty yards of her, she would probably have remained.

A correspondent writes to the N. C. Daily News from Kaiping.—Railway matters look gloomy, in spite of absurd stories of Glouster Hotel origin. This colliery is turning out 800 to 850 tons a day, which sells readily, and it is hoped this year to clear off all pressing liabilities and declare a dividend. The railway was a great success, and the money would be rendered better by a contrite voice than by "Miss Seymour's mezzo-soprano, good, though it is. The lady would doubtless have been seen to much more advantage in the part of *Mabel*, for her appearance and voice are far more attractive.

Mr. Francis, instructed by Mr. Caldwell, for the plaintiff, argued that the *Enterprise* was an occasional tendency to go through the dialogues somewhat too rapidly and indistinctly. Otherwise Mr. Reid sang and acted the part very artistically, and met with much applause.

Mr. Reid's singing was a treat to his hearers, was also his part of the duet with *Mabel*, when he leaves her to rejoin the pirates. Mr. Edward Farley made as good a *Pirate-King* as has ever been seen in this colony, though to our thinking a little more animation would have improved the personation. His song "Oh, is there not one maiden breast?" was a treat to his hearers, was also his part of the duet with *Mabel*, when he leaves her to rejoin the pirates. Mr. Edward Farley made as good a *Pirate-King* as has ever been seen in this colony, though to our thinking a little more animation would have improved the personation. His song "Oh, is there not one maiden breast?" was a treat to his hearers, was also his part of the duet with *Mabel*, when he leaves her to rejoin the pirates. Mr. Edward Farley made as good a *Pirate-King* as has ever been seen in this colony, though to our thinking a little more animation would have improved the personation. 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